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LABOR COUNCIL AT SALINAS STARTS OFFICER ELECTIONS

Nominations for the annual election of officers of the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas were opened at the last meeting and the final nominations and election are scheduled for the meeting this Friday night.

The election procedure was the highlight of a lengthy council meeting, at which there were three speakers and a large amount of business, according to Secretary Alfred J. Clark.

Speakers were Louis Resnik, of San Francisco, who spoke on the subject of "Intolerance"; Al Helms, son of Carpenter Delegate Carl Helms, who told of the strike against a radio station in Monterey, and J. J. James, local representative for California Physicians Service, who discussed CPS problems.

Business included adoption of a resolution condemning Hartnell College for using students in construction programs, and donation of \$10 to the National Health Committee, at request of AFL President William Green.

Listed in first nominations were:
For president: R. A. Wood, incumbent, and Harvey Baldwin.

For vice president: Jimmie Butler.

For secretary-treasurer: A. J. Clark.

For sergeant-at-arms: Roy Hearn and Carl Helms.

For trustee, 3 years: Wray D.

Empie and P. M. Lindeman.

For trustee, 1 year: Dial H. Miles.

For executive board (8): E. A. Helsey, John F. Mattos, Peter A. Greco, M. L. Martin, Dial H. Miles, D. W. McPherson, Harvey Baldwin, Robert Shinn, Virgil Knight and Al Finley Jr.

For organizing board: Harvey Baldwin, Wray D. Empie and Roy Hearn.

For negotiating committee: Peter A. Greco, T. H. Daley, Dial H. Miles, Al Finley Jr., and Harvey Baldwin.

For press committee: Reuben Anderson, A. J. Clark and R. A. Wood.

For by-laws committee (5): R. A. Wood, Robert Shinn, Harvey Baldwin, Ay Finley Jr., A. J. Clark and T. H. Daley.

WSB APPROVES WAGE BOOST FOR PAINTERS

Wage increase for Painters 272 of Monterey has been approved by the Wage Stabilization Board, effective as of May 29. The raise amounts to 15c an hour.

Laborers 690 At Monterey Picks Officers

Election of officers of Monterey Laborers Union 690 was held at last week's membership meeting in Cannery Workers Hall, 320 Hoffman St., in New Monterey.

Local 690 will move to the Cannery Workers Hall into larger office space on Monday, June 30, Secy.-Treas. George E. Jenkins reports.

Elected were:

President—Perry Luce.

Vice-President—Emmett Wood.

Sgt.-at-Arms—Kenneth Holt.

Executive Board—W. E. Wheeler, Fred Vreedenburg and Lyman Wermuth.

Trustees—Louis Lange, Louis A. Casati and Cary Byrum.

Building Council Delegates—

Louis A. Casati and R. B. Rogers.

Labor Council Delegates—George Wise and Emmett Wood.

Northern Council Delegates—Louis A. Casati and Perry Luce.

In Union Circles

Carpenters Union 925 informed the labor council at its last meeting that all members are expected to be placed on jobs in a very short time and that it is possible that jobs will outnumber the men before the end of the year.

Historic Salinas Rodeo Will Be Greatest Ever

Eyes of the West will again be focused on Salinas area next week as the 36th annual Salinas Rodeo gets under way with the biggest program of attractions ever scheduled and all attendance records expected to be broken.

There will be four days packed

with Western fun as it has become known over the world by such events as the Salinas Rodeo.

The very best in Western champions will be here to compete for rich prizes, for only the best can expect to get anywhere in the tough competition.

All roads lead to Salinas next week-end, as thousands come from all parts of the West to enjoy the annual festivity and watch top-notch events, plus colorful parades, thoroughbred racing, the country's biggest square dance, kid's parades, bands, music, and dancing.

Members of organized labor annually lend a hand in all phases of this big community celebration, not only doing most of the work of the show but helping out in a hundred different ways to make it a success.

Salinas Unions, Employers Fete Trainee Grads

Union officials from nearly all building crafts, plus officers of the Central Labor Council, joined with contractors last week in a dinner party to honor apprentices who have completed their training period.

Twenty-four apprentices and their wives were guests of the joint apprentice committees at the party at Santa Lucia Inn, during which the apprentices were presented with certificates of completion.

Painters 1104 Elect June 24

Annual election of officers of Salinas Painters Union 1104 will be chief business of the meeting Tuesday night, June 24, officials have announced.

At last week's meeting, all incumbents were nominated to stand for re-election to key positions and no major contests were reported. List of nominees was not available for publication.

Plumbers 503 Await Ballot

Salinas Plumbers & Steamfitters Union 503 will elect officers at the meeting next week, Business Manager E. R. Arbuckle reports.

Nominations have been completed, with Arbuckle unopposed for re-election, it was reported. The list of nominees was being prepared in ballot form last week and was not ready for publication, officials said.

Brayton Better

Roy Brayton, member of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 and formerly business agent for this and other unions, was reported to be showing some improvement after serious and major surgery which was performed in a San Francisco hospital recently. Mrs. Brayton is in San Francisco. They will be unable to return to Salinas for some time, friends said.

In Union Circles

Gertie Reaves, who was office secretary for Bertha Boles and the old Culinary Alliance 467 in Salinas for many months, is operating the Hi Tide Restaurant in Watsonville now, with her husband Bill. He cooks and she is hostess.



Program of Events

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Sportsmen's News

Vacation Plague

San Francisco.—California's wildlife babies are in for another round of the "vacationer's plague," which Department of Fish and Game employees consider more troublesome than many types of natural predation and pestilence.

The peak of the annual "disease" occurs during the months of June, July and August, the Department laments, when vacationers afflict their otherwise well-meaning adoptive complexes on helpless wildlife youngsters.

Deer fawns, especially, are the prey of vacationers who often consider them abandoned by their mothers. Almost without exception, the Department asserts, the doe is hidden nearby, watching the tragic adoption proceedings.

Later, state wardens and zoo officials are burdened with requests from the interim parents to take the troublesome stepchildren off their hands. Returning the "Shanghaied" youngster to its parents or original environment is nearly impossible, the Department warns.

Step-parents of deer and other wildlife may often look forward to damaged gardens or crops, expensive upkeep, and death or injury from their growing wards.

And if that isn't enough to make the possessive vacationer think twice before picking up an "abandoned" animal, the Department reports that the maximum fine for the offense is \$500, with an additional threat of six months in jail added to the sentence.

The Calendar

The Department of Fish and Game reminds California sportsmen of the following general regulations which apply to current hunting and fishing:

Trout: Ends October 31. No closed season in Colorado River Area only. Bag and possession limits: 15 trout, salmon or whitefish combined, or 10 pounds and one fish.

Black Bass, Sunfish, Crappie, Sacramento Perch: Bag limits: 5 black bass, 25 sunfish, crappie, perch combined. Local exceptions.

Salt Water Perch: No closed season. Bag limits: 25 north of the San Luis Obispo-Monterey County line; 10 south. May not be sold, purchased or transported between May 1 and July 15.

Surf Smelt: No closed season. Bag limit: 25 pounds.

Jack Rabbits: Closed in Southern California districts 4, 4½, 4¾, 19, 20 and 22. No closed season elsewhere. No bag limit.

Study Dogfish Sharks

San Francisco.—The far-flung traveling habits of Pacific Coast dogfish sharks are coming to light—thanks to the tag returns made by two fishermen—one in California, the other in Japan.

Fisherman Orville Wallace of Redwood City received an official commendation card from the California Dept. of Fish and Game for the return of a tag taken from a dogfish shark he caught recently near Half Moon Bay. It had been caught, tagged and released by the State of Washington in 1944, off Vancouver Island, B.C.

The 30-inch beast had grown nearly six inches and traveled an estimated 900 miles before it was taken by Wallace.

Another dogfish shark, tagged in Washington more than seven years ago, was recovered recently by a fisherman at northern Honshu Island, Japan, after traveling a minimum of 5,000 miles.

Fish Planting

Los Angeles.—The longest aerial ferry trip for fish has just been completed by the California Department of Fish and Game with the planting of 29,000 small mouth black bass in the Colorado River.

The well-traveled bass fry made the 500-mile trip from the Central Valley hatchery, near Sacramento, to Blythe in the Department's twin-engine airplane. Jeep and station wagon from airport to river waters

completed the itinerary.

Earl Leitritz, chief of the inland fisheries branch, reported that the unique planting operation was accomplished in two plane trips. The first load of 20,000 fish was carried in a dozen specially-aerated cans. There were no appreciable fish losses en route, Leitritz said.

The fish were planted in the Colorado near Blythe, the Bass Lake arm and near Palo Verde Valley. They should provide excellent angling sport within a few years, Leitritz believes.

Party Boat Haul

Terminal Island.—The Pacific Ocean off the California coast produced an average daily bag of better than four fish for each of the half a million party boat sports fishermen who paid their fares in 1951.

According to the marine fisheries laboratory of the California Department of Fish and Game, 2,350,000 fish of a score of varieties were landed in the last year. Reports came from the operators of 562 party boats, which carried an aggregate of 556,000 passengers.

Total landings were slightly higher than the average sports take of the last five years. The annual party boat haul ranges from 1,243,000 fish in 1946 to a record high of 2,596,000 in 1948.

Days of angler effort were the second highest in party boat history, dropping slightly below the 1950 record of 599,000.

New annual landing records were established in 1951 for rockfish, salmon, sole, sand dabs and flounders, yellowtail, sheepshead and cabezone. Greater catches than those of 1950 were noted for kelp and sandbass, barracuda, and bonito.

The sea-going anglers took more kelp and sand bass than any other species, dropping only 15,000 below the all-time record of 797,000, caught in 1949. In the order of quantities caught, the bass were followed by rockfish, barracuda, albacore, salmon, kingfish, California halibut, sole, sand dabs and flounders, mackerel, white sea bass and sculpin.

The Los Angeles harbor area claimed the greatest number of party boat participants, as well as the greatest amount of fish landed. A total of 171,000 anglers took home 618,000 fish.

Newport Beach, Balboa and Huntington Beach were the next most favored ports, with 106,000 anglers accounting for 257,000 fish.

Lucky Salmon

San Francisco.—The California Department of Fish and Game has notified Hans Anderson of Larkspur that the plastic tag he found on a king salmon bore a secret number which means a \$5 cash reward.

The prize is one of those ranging from \$5 to \$50 offered by the Tye Club of San Francisco.

In addition to the cash reward, Anderson will be presented with a plastic commendation card from the state agency, which bears the original fish tag.

Anderson's 19-inch salmon was tagged February 21, during the annual Salmon Tag Day off the Golden Gate. It was caught May 13 near Pedro Point.

Butchers Await Intl. Convention

Delegates from Butchers Union 506 of this area are making plans now for attending the important national convention of their craft in San Francisco, starting June 22.

The delegates of Local 506 are Executive Secretary Earl A. Moorhead and business agents Fred L. Feci and E. L. Courtwright.

Because of the convention, the meeting of the Hollister branch of Local 506, scheduled on Monday, June 23, has been moved to Monday, June 30, officials announced.

Keep your union alive, interesting, the year 'round!

\$30 Million for Newsprint Tops Tax Write-offs

Washington (LPA).—Topping certificates providing for fast tax write-offs announced by the Defense Production Administration June 2 was one for \$30 million for newsprint. It went to Great Northern Paper Co., East Millinocket, Me., with the firm allowed to write out of its income taxes over a 5-year period 45 per cent of that amount. The rest, as with other corporations similarly benefited, will be amortized over 20 to 25 years considered the normal life of plants.

Other large grants of the 132 approved during the week ending May 22 went to railroads and steel plants, accounting, with newsprint expansion, for about \$94 million of the \$142,704,539 total. Electric power again got a heavy share of the remainder.

Second largest allowance went to Union Pacific Railroad Co., \$19,530,000 for new rail facilities; to United States Steel, \$12,570,000 for coke and coal chemical production; to Bethlehem Steel, \$12 million for transportation of iron ore on the Great Lakes; to American Steel and Wire Co., \$8,730,000, also for coke and coal chemicals; to Interlake Iron Corp., Erie, Pa., \$1,453,398 for coke.

Public Service Co. of New Mexico got \$6,031,763; Central Power and Light Co., Victoria County, Texas, \$5,231,180.

Railroads aided include: Duluth, Mesabi and Iron Range, 40 and 50 per cent of \$1,939,500; Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, 55 per cent of \$1,884,000; Pennsylvania, 40 per cent of \$1,590,000 for rail transportation at the huge U. S. Steel plant being built under charge-off provisions at Morrisville, Pa.; Philadelphia, Bethlehem and New England, \$3,070,000 and New York, Chicago and St. Louis, 70 per cent of \$1,720,000.

UMW Welfare Fund Now 6 Years Old, Still Going Strong

Washington (LPA).—The United Mine Workers Health and Welfare Fund began its seventh year May 29 with the respect and enthusiasm of the same coal operators who had fought its establishment, and of organized medicine, which had been leary at first.

"Some coal men, in fact," wrote the Wall Street Journal of the "swell with pride when they point out it is they who finance the fund. Just the other day, one big mine owner expounded at length on the respect he says the program is gaining throughout the medical profession for its contributions in the field of rehabilitation of crippled miners."

The fund was set up in 1946 by UMW President John L. Lewis and then Interior Secretary Julius A. Krug, who had been running the mines for the U. S. government since their seizure a week before. The operators had fought the plan and were not a party to the contract. It called for a five-cent-a-ton royalty to be paid into the fund, also higher wages and vacation pay.

It wasn't until March, 1947, when 111 miners were slain in the Centralia, Ill., disaster that the mine owners decided it might be wise to accept the principle of the fund.

Today the fund is within \$2,000,000 of being at its peak, an estimated \$102,000,000, and plans are complete for construction of 10 hospitals, totaling 1000 beds and costing a total of \$15,000,000, in areas where there are now no medical services available.

TRADES DISPLAY HOME

Danville, Ill. (LPA).—A complete home built by high school students in the building trades class has been put on display by the Board of Education. The Vermilion County Building and Construction Trades Council cooperated in setting up the project, started in February 1951.

Hear Frank Edwards nightly.

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ENDORSEMENT FOR HARRIMAN—Giant Stewards Council of AFL Teamsters Local 638 in St. Louis, unanimously endorsed Averell Harriman for Democratic Presidential nomination. Here Harriman pauses during a city tour sponsored by the local, to discuss prices, jobs, and discrimination with a customer in a super market. (LPA)

The Sticker in California's Unemployment Questionnaire

San Francisco's construction unions are full of men who are too scrupulously honest for their own good. This, at any rate, is the opinion of Ray Lassiter, the AFL's representative with the California State Department of Employment.

The men to whom Lassiter refers—and there were dozens of them—were also victims of an inexcusable piece of verbal nonsense on the part of the Department.

Here, roughly, is what happened: During the recent Carpenters' strike there were, among the hundreds of men who refused to cross picket lines and thus disqualified themselves for unemployment insurance, several score whose jobs had come to a natural end just before or at about the time that the Carpenters hit the bricks.

These men, whose right to unemployment insurance—which they needed because of the general construction shutdown—was perfectly valid, went down to the headquarters of the CSDE where they were handed a questionnaire.

Question 16 on this form read:

"Have you worked at any place where a strike or lockout is now in progress?"

Most of them had, at some time during the past year, worked at a job that was now behind a picket line. This was especially true in the first weeks of the strike, when almost all jobs had been stopped.

Take the case of Gustav Reiner, a member of Hodcarriers 36. Reiner had worked, from May 9 to April 6, for Fire Brick Construction, a firm doing work in a shipyard. On April 6, when he was laid off, Reiner applied for unemployment insurance. Earlier that year he had worked on a project that was, on April 6, behind a picket line. He answered the question Yes.

As a result, he was disqualified. Not permanently, of course, but he had to file an appeal, and it was weeks before he got his first unemployment check.

Here is another aspect of Question 16: If you answer it "Yes" and, as a result are disqualified, you are not eligible for unemployment insurance for a period of two months, even though you subsequently work at an unstruck job and, following its completion, apply again to the CSDE.

There is still a further criticism to be leveled at CSDE procedure: The forms are entirely too complicated—to say nothing of their being ambiguously worded—for a man of limited literacy and education to fill out. If you don't believe this, have a look at one yourself and try to imagine the predicament of a man who, for example, doesn't read English readily. Actually, it would require a man with some experience in bureaucratic procedures to fill out one properly.

According to Lassiter, E. C. Doo-

little, chief of the Benefit Section of CSDE, has expressed dissatisfaction with the form and has ordered its revision, but this, apparently, has not been done yet.

Since it has not, perhaps a suggestion would not be resented. In such a thing as unemployment insurance, all but a small number of exceptional cases fall into a few simple categories. Why cannot these application forms, then, present the applicant with a few simple choices? For example:

1. I left my last job because—
2. The work was completed.
3. I refused to pass a picket line.
3. Other reasons (state):

If there are more typical contingencies, the CSDE can very easily include them in the form, which would then not require an essayist to fill it out adequately.

Building Trades Council Sec. Dan Del Carlo this week suggested a reform that the Department might well consider: allow applicants for insurance to take the application forms back to the officers of their unions, who can help them fill out the complicated documents.

Protests Blaming Labor for Floods in Central Valley

Dear Sir:

Why does Hale Champion, S.F. Chronicle, leave the reader of his recent articles on flooding of Tulare Lake with the impression that if only the carpenters in that area hadn't taken a notion to go on strike for a couple of weeks, there wouldn't be any floods?

Against this maximum delay of a couple of weeks, the Tulare Lake and Kings River landowners have been blocking construction by the Bureau of Reclamation that was set to go ahead as early as 1940. The big landowners of that area and the opponents of cheap public power there have only themselves to blame for the fact that they are now being flooded, and Pine Flat Dam is not yet completed.

Organized labor was trying to get construction going for years, while the Kings River and Tulare Lake landowners were blocking construction hoping to escape the 100-acre water limitation.

Why does the Chronicle help out this effort to throw on labor the blame that belongs somewhere else?

Yours very truly,
C. R. BARTALINI
Secretary, Bay Counties
Dist. Council of Carpenters.

Britain's Trade Union Congress is running a series of one-week courses on the application of "time and motion" study for union officials and shop stewards.

IAM Asks Referee System for Settling Building Disputes

Washington (LPA) —The International Association of Machinists has officially proposed a referee system of final and binding arbitration for settling all its jurisdictional disputes with AFL unions in the construction field.

The proposal, sent to the AFL Building and Construction Trades Department by the IAM Executive Council, includes a provision that any participating union shall put up a \$100,000 "good faith bond" which will be forfeited to the other party if one party cancels, modifies, or fails or refuses to carry out the decision of the referee.

IAM President Al Hayes said: "We believe that in the fact of serious organized opposition from employers, too much of labor's energies are being frittered away on jurisdictional squabbles. Our disputes with other unions in the construction field, notably the AFL Carpenters, can be settled on their merits. No dispute is insoluble if both parties honestly seek a settlement."

Steps involved in the proposed system include: (1) Disputes to be referred to a standing jurisdictional committee of six members, three from the Carpenters and three from the Machinists. The committee shall meet within one week from the referral date of a dispute and, if necessary, shall hold at least six conferences within two months. (2) When disputes are not settled in the two-month period, the president of the two unions involved shall, within two weeks, meet with the committee in an effort to reach a settlement. (3) If this fails, the disputes, or unsettled parts, shall be referred to a mediation panel made up of one representative from each union involved and a permanent impar-

tial referee, selected by mutual agreement, who shall act as mediator. This panel shall meet within a week after the Step 2 conference and shall meet at least four times in the following week.

The first three steps all include a provision that any mutually satisfactory agreement reached at any time during the settlement process shall be put into effect immediately and shall not be contingent upon the settlement of remaining disputes.

(4) If settlement is not reached during the first three steps, the disputes shall be referred to the permanent referee who will render a final and binding decision within two weeks.

Workers Vote 3-1 For Union Rep. In NLRB Elections

Washington (LPA). — Of more than 400,000 workers eligible to vote in representation elections in six months, about 86.5 per cent cast valid ballots, and three-fourths of these voted for the union.

AFL unions, the National Labor Relations Board announced April 21, won 1436 elections and lost 681, while in 45 the results were indeterminate. For CIO unions the score was 653 won, 511 lost and 38 indeterminate. Independent unions won 223, lost 144 and 9 were indecisive.

Decertification elections covered 43 small units with only 3738 employees eligible to vote. With 87 per cent casting valid ballots, 51.6 per cent voted for the unions. Despite the overall majority, 31 elections resulted in decertification, 5 were won by CIO affiliates, 4 AFL and 3 independents.

Charges of unfair labor practices against employers during the last 2 quarters of 1951 totaled 2013, of which 789 were filed by AFL unions, 577 CIO, 165 independents and 478 by individuals. The General Counsel issued 227 formal complaints alleging unfair labor practices; 178 against employers, 22 against unions and 27 against both employers and unions.

Family Saves 150% On Medical Care Under Co-op Plan

Chicago (LPA). — A family of four here has had complete medical care for the past 12 years at a cost of \$53 a year, by membership in the Civic Medical Center. Equivalent care on the basis fiercely plugged by the American Medical Association would have cost them \$131 a year.

The Hyde Park Cooperative, which made the study, found that the family in 12 years had gone to the Center 562 times, had used 30 days of physicians' care in hospitals. This cost them \$536 in dues and \$98 in drugs. Medical care on the usual fee-for-service basis would have cost them \$1562.

The co-op added that the family also had "the protection provided by the prepayment system from the risk of unpredictable and possibly greater expenses, if serious or prolonged illness had come their way."

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More Handcuffs?

More handcuffs will be put on trade unions if reactionaries win the elections next November. That's the plain warning of none other than the Wall Street Journal.

In its lead story recently, the Journal reported, "Influential Republicans and Southern Democrats are mulling over such schemes as putting labor under anti-trust laws, or simply breaking up nation-wide unions."

The Journal said Sen. Robert Taft (R., Ohio) wants to put through what he calls "an anti-labor-monopoly law."

"Industry-wide bargaining," the Journal reported, "would be outlawed in most industries by requiring the employees in each separate company to choose their own bargaining agent. No union official would be entitled to negotiate labor contracts for the employees of more than one company."

It said that Taft now thinks this ban on industry-wide bargaining should have been written into the Taft-Hartley Act.

The Journal comments, "This November's elections hold the key to what happens. It's a good bet that the Congress will wait for a clue from the voters this fall before embarking on a drive against industry-wide bargaining."

The job ahead for trade unionists and their friends is clear: Whether they will wear more legislative shackles, or, in some cases, lose union protection altogether, depends on their going to the polls.

Are you registered to vote?

Churches and Socialism

Amid cries that America is headed toward "Socialism" comes the report that the income of Protestant churches is running at record levels.

According to Dr. Albert M. Conover, director of the Bureau of Church Building and Architecture of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S., Protestant church income now amounts to \$1.2 billion a year, or \$400 million more than the churches received in 1929, and \$800 million more than their income during the depression years.

More than \$1 billion worth of work on Protestant church buildings alone are in architects' offices awaiting construction starts. And experts predict that church construction this year will exceed the 3,726 churches built at a cost of \$260 million in 1950.

The Year Book of American Churches reported that churches of all faiths own more than \$7 billion in property of all kinds.

Socialism?

Facts About Business

Here are some facts to remember when you hear certain political candidates sound off about how "bankruptcy" is just around the corner and that businessmen are scared to death.

The Department of Commerce reports that the annual value of America's output of goods and services, based on the first quarter of this year, amounts to \$340 billion—\$5 billion higher than last year, and an all-time record.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that the amount of private housing which was begun in April increased by 8 per cent over the figures for the same month of 1951.

The department also reports that expansion of industrial plants and equipment this year will set an all-time record of \$23 billion. That is 4½ times more than industry expanded in 1939, or 2½ times greater in terms of prewar dollars.

Congressional Morals

The other day, a U. S. Court of Appeals upheld the conviction of Rep. Walter Brehm (R., Ohio) for taking "kick-backs" from an office employee. She contributed Congressional funds paid to her into Brehm's campaign kitty. The Congressman was fined \$5,000 and given a suspended jail sentence.

Only Congress has the power to discipline its members for dishonest or immoral conduct. But while some House members have spent months telling the world that the federal government is full of crooks and preaching sermons about ethics and morals, it has continued to allow Brehm to keep his seat and help pass laws for the rest of us to live by.



Washington, D. C.

Up and Up and Up . . .

The long arm of inflation is probing deeper into the family purse. Higher prices for food are now in effect. Broiling chickens, for example, have been relatively cheap, but suppliers reduced their shipments and prices went up again. The National Industrial Conference Board reports your cost of living at or near the all-time high.

Playing Hooky?

Where was your Congressman? Last week when the House had important legislation to discuss it was forced to adjourn three days in a row because there were less than 75 members present. So many members were out of town that the functions of the House came to a dead stop. Congressmen who want to come back next year might improve their chances by staying on the job this year.

Forgot to Subtract . . .

The critical doctor shortage is revealed by careful reading of the latest propaganda release from the American Medical Association. The AMA says we had 211,000 physicians at the end of last year, and points out 6,200 new doctors were licensed in 1951. But the net gain was only 2,640 because more than 3,600 doctors died during the year.

From a Businessman:

The Millionaire's Amendment is a trap, says a prominent businessman, Ralph Button, assistant secretary of Allied Stores Corp. He warns that the phony 25% limitation on taxes would lead to serious trouble, merely shifting the tax load and inevitably producing a general sales tax and other nuisance taxes.

JOKES, Etc.

A patron in a restaurant handed the waiter two vitamin pills and asked him to dissolve them in a bowl of clam chowder. After a long interval, he asked the waiter why the chowder hadn't been served yet. Said the waiter:

"You'll get the chowder, sir, as soon as we can get the clams to lie down."

"If you're suffering from the grippé why are you undressing?" asked the doctor.

"Why, doctor," said the lady, "how else can I show you where I was gripped?"

When you are right you don't need to lose your temper; when you are wrong you can't afford to.

"How'd you persuade your son not to go around with his shirt-tail outside his trousers?" asked Mrs. Brown.

"Oh," replied Mrs. Black, "I just sewed a lace ruffle around the bottom."

"My wife and I had words—but I never got to use mine."

An acquaintance is a person whom we know well enough to borrow from but not well enough to lend to.

There is always something to be unhappy about if you will only take the trouble to look for it.

"What are you so unhappy about, Jim?" asked his friend.

"I worked so hard at keeping our maid that my wife quit," replied Jim.

Woman accepts man for the sake of matrimony and man accepts matrimony for the sake of woman.



PHILOSOPHER—"To be happy, do the things you enjoy most" is the advice Jean McBride gives her daily radio audience. (LPA)

Often it is easier to do a good job than to explain why you didn't.

Carpenter Pete says that the man who enjoys running after women has a tough problem these days—finding a woman who will run.

"How was your potato crop this year?" asked the amateur gardener.

"Oh, splendid," replied his neighbor. "Some were as big as marbles, some as big as peas and, of course, quite a lot of little ones."

Li'l Gee Gee, the office vamp, went to a masquerade dressed as a telephone operator. She reports that during the evening she had three close calls.

"When I was a boy, my one ambition was to be a pirate," said the attorney.

"Congratulations," answered the client.

Whatever I said in anger, Whatever I shouted in spite, I'm sorry I spoke so quickly—I thought of some worse ones tonight.

It's wise to apologize to a man if you're wrong, and to a woman if you're right.

Mrs. Smith was reading a letter at breakfast. Suddenly she looked up suspiciously at her husband. "George," she said, "I've just received a letter from Mother saying she isn't accepting our invitation to come and stay, as we do not appear to want her. I told you to write and say she was to come at her own convenience. You did write?"

"Er—yes," said George, "but I couldn't spell 'convenience' so I made it 'risk.'"

The hand that rocks the cradle Now is stained with nicotine. And the foot upon the rocker Likes to step on gasoline.

A meteorologist is a man who can look in a woman's eye and tell whether.

Unionist Elected Democratic Delegate

Jefferson City, Mo. (LPA)—Elected with President Truman as among Missouri's delegates-at-large to the Democratic national convention was Harold Gibbons, head of St. Louis Local 688, AFL Teamsters. Among alternates chosen are James Davis, executive secretary of the State CIO Council; Leo J. Harvey, head of the St. Louis Bricklayers, and Lloyd Weber, Machinists' leader.



Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone OYpress 2-2480.

Labor has long been security minded. Organized labor has always been in the forefront in sponsoring an adequate social security program for the workingman. The 1950 Amendments to the Social Security Act were a great step forward.

One of the provisions of the amendments is now coming into effect. A new method for figuring social security benefits is provided for workers who have at least six quarters of coverage beginning in 1951. Whenever a worker dies or retires after 65 and has six quarters of coverage beginning with 1951, his benefit may be based on his average monthly wage beginning with 1951 instead of his average since 1937. Wages in the past few years are generally higher than they were 15 years ago. Then, too, the maximum wages counting toward social security are now \$3600 a year instead of \$3000 a year maximum in effect through 1950. These provisions will usually mean a higher social security benefit for those who have completed six quarters of coverage beginning with 1951. Using the average monthly wage beginning with 1951, the benefit formula gives 50 per cent of the first \$100 of the average and 15 per cent of the remainder as long as the monthly average does not exceed the maximum of \$300 a month.

During 1952 it will sometimes make a difference in the benefit amount depending on when an application for benefits is filed. Any worker who plans to retire in 1952 should check with the social security office for information on his own case. With this information he can decide when is the best time to file his application. Self-employed people will usually get a reduced benefit if they apply before completing two full years of coverage, making January 1, 1953, the earliest date full benefits can be paid based on self-employment income.

For further information on these or any other points concerning your social security, get in touch with the Social Security Administration Field Office at the above address.

Price Ceilings Off, Cost of Potatoes Rises Sharply

Washington (LPA)—Price ceilings for potatoes were abolished June 5, and prices promptly skyrocketed.

In Charleston, S.C., the ceiling price June 5 for a 100-pound bag was \$3.35. The uncontrolled price the next day was \$6.50. In New York, ceiling prices for potatoes shipped in from North Carolina were \$5.08. Off went the ceiling, and the price shut up to \$7 to \$8. Ceilings on potatoes shipped in from California were \$6.31. With ceilings off, the price shot to \$7.50 to \$9.50.

Government officials predicted plenty of potatoes by next week—at sky-high prices.

Price Stabilizer Arnall decontrolled white potatoes after the Senate voted overwhelmingly against authority for price ceilings on fresh fruits and vegetables, in the controls act it was rewriting. Arnall said the Senate action made enforcement of price ceilings impossible.

Hear Frank Edwards nightly.



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Washington (AP)—The press has been instrumental in helping to solve issues our country faces. Truman declared the annual petition day. Associated Press

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Tobin predicted that editors are preoccupied in balancing the budget and ignored, successful in the daily press. It has been a grim struggle for labor press since war, he said. The approach of devaluation will offset increasing costs of the press. He foresees a trend for "the trend to Americanization."

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Truman Message Lauds Influence Of Labor Press

Washington (LPA)—"The labor press has been increasingly influential in helping people understand issues our country faces," President Truman declared in a message to the annual meeting of Labor Press Associated June 5.

Ruben L. acting editor of Labor, the "brotherhoods' weekly," was re-elected president of LPA. Henry Fisher, CIO publicity director, was re-elected vice-president. Henry V. Flannery, managing editor of the AFL News-Reporter, was elected secretary-treasurer. Secretary of Labor Maurice Tobin spoke at the morning session and W. Averil Harriman, head of the Mutual Security Agency, at the afternoon session. Speakers at the luncheon were James J. McDevitt, director of Labor's League for Political Education, and Tilford Dudley, assistant director, CIO Political Action Committee.

Both Fisher and Flannery stressed the importance of the job LPA has to do in the 1952 political campaign, "the fact that LPA is an area in which AFL and CIO can cooperate, these editors in the field must co-operate by sending news to LPA, this such cooperation is imperative in the kind of Congress we need."

Tobin pointed out that LPA editors are keeping the free press in balance by providing news ignored, suppressed or distorted by the daily press. Declaring there had been a great improvement in the labor press since the war, he said the conservative approach of the daily press is being offset increasingly by the labor press. He praised the labor press for "the tremendous value you are to America."

At the luncheon McDevitt said that for labor to flex its muscles is a bad approach, gets out the anti-labor vote. He stressed the importance coming in issuance of union releases. Dudley declared the present political situation makes the labor press more important than ever. He said the labor press can help in solving the big problem of getting out the vote.

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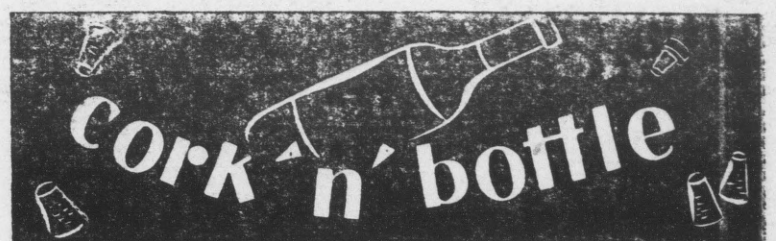
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Daytona Beach, Fla.—A U. S. Labor Department official warned that to conquer communism the free world must deliver its message of democracy in terms other peoples can understand — "in terms of bread as well as broadcasts, medicine as well as munitions, clothing as well as cooperation, plows and tractors as well as planes and tanks."

Speaking before the 25th annual Florida state convention of the Disabled American Veterans, Millard Cass, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Labor, said:

"The world today needs food and

freedom. They are two great answers to the communist threat.

"The problem of our times is to save ourselves and the rest of the world from communist aggression, and to preserve for ourselves and other freedom-loving nations economic and political liberty.

"But this is a difficult assignment. It is difficult because so much of the world lacks food, clothing, shelter, sanitation, schools, and medical services and supplies.

"It is hard to tell people who have never known democracy and personal liberty that communism destroys their right to pursue a free way of life. It is hard to tell people whose backs are bowed from heavy labor that communism destroys their right to walk erect as free and proud human beings. It is hard to tell people who never have enough to eat that communism cannot support a high standard of living.

"In spite of these difficulties, we must and we shall get our message across to people who want to be free."

Communism, Cass said, "relies on hunger and slavery for its existence . . . Democracy, on the other hand, offers food and freedom."

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UMW Ends Monthly Security Levy; Totals \$4,750,000

Washington, (LPA)—The \$2-a-month "security" assessment levied since Jan. 1 on the United Mine Workers' 475,000 members has been discontinued by the UMW executive board. The assessment brought in an estimated \$4,750,000.

The board said the assessment had placed UMW in a position "to successfully withstand the attacks of those who would seek to destroy it." The UMW, it said, "is in a better condition to cope with the many problems that confront us than at any period in its 62 years of existence."

Since Feb. 1, UMW contracts have been continued on a 60-day extension basis and can be opened at any time for negotiations by UMW President John L. Lewis. The contracts provide that the union must wait 60 days after giving notice on negotiations before it can strike.

At the same time it ended the "security" assignment, the board voted a \$2-a-month welfare fund levy on 75,000 hard coal miners because of "insufficient revenue" in the fund which operates separately from the soft coal welfare fund.

SAN DIEGO RALLY

San Diego, (LPA)—At a rally for Federal workers here there were speeches, entertainment and dancing and no pressure for signing on the dotted line. But at evening's end 234 applications for membership in the American Federation of Government Employees had been turned in.

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Former Fed. V-Pres. Dies in Oakland

(State Fed. Release)

Death came suddenly last week to George Durand, 73, active figure in the Alameda County labor movement and a former vice president of the California State Federation of Labor.

Durand, a one-time member of the State Industrial Welfare Commission, died in his sleep. In 1946 he had retired after 30 years as a Key System street car operator in Oakland.

He was president of the Alameda County Central Labor Council from 1926 to 1928. He was also a former president of Division 192, Oakland Carmen's Union. At the time of his death he was a delegate to the Alameda Central Council.

Masonic funeral rites for the deceased were held in Oakland. He is survived by his widow and three sons. A daughter had preceded him in death by just one month.

Sympathy of the state AFL movement was extended to the family

Saturday Off With Pay Gets WSB Okay

Washington (LPA)—With industry members dissenting, the Wage Stabilization Board voted to permit employers to give Saturday off with pay following Memorial Day, May 30, and Independence Day, to workers ordinarily supposed to report on those two Saturdays.

by C. J. Haggerty, active officer of the California State Federation of Labor.

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"HEALTH FOR ALL"—Speaking before 74th annual convention, New Jersey State Fed. of Labor, Ewing predicted the nation will have a national health program in the

near future. Shown at convention are, left to right, Israel Horowitz, ILGWU manager; Vincent J. Murphy, secy.-treas. of the Federation; Ewing, and Louis P. Marcian, pres., N. J. Federation.

Making Ends Meet Beans and Corn Are Good Substitutes for Potatoes

By BERT SEIDMAN

Before too long, you should see the familiar potato in your grocery store again. Meanwhile, you ought to keep in mind the many tasty substitutes. Beans and corn are two good replacements. You can combine beans and meat in dishes ranging from chile con carne to pork and beans.

Cereal, foods such as noodles, spaghetti, macaroni, rice, and grits are all good staples for your family's dinner. They can be combined with meat in such traditional favorites as noodles or rice with chicken or meat creamed chicken with biscuits or waffles, macaroni topped with cheese or meat, and spaghetti and meat balls with spicy tomato sauce.

GOOD BUYS

Put spring vegetables, canned or frozen citrus products, and small items on your shopping list this week.

This is the peak of the spring vegetable season. That means plenty of green beans, lettuce, carrots and asparagus on produce counters. You'll also find good supplies of radishes, celery, rhubarb, apricot, and oranges. In some areas, local strawberries are beginning to come in. Small turkeys are especially good buy in southern states.

Pork prices are going up. That's news for housewives who have found it a comparatively inexpensive staple for family menus in recent months. The only bright spot in the picture is that beef prices may soon drop somewhat. At lower levels prices of beef cuts are still likely to be out of sight for most families.

DETERGENTS

Recent tests of detergents have shown that you need to use only half as much synthetic detergent as ordinary laundry soaps. The same studies indicated that one type of detergent or method of laundering caused more shrinkage than any other.

It was also found that the length of time the fabric is washed appeared to have more effect on loss of color than the detergent used. It is important to know because commercial laundering process longer than home laundering in automatic washer. It should be a cue to the housewife to run the washing machine only long enough to get clothes clean.

WASHING BLANKETS

If you wash your blankets in an automatic machine, make sure that you soak them first.

Recent tests indicate that by soaking blankets 15 to 20 minutes in warm water containing a synthetic detergent, no agitation in the washer will be required. That's important because shrinkage of

wool blankets is caused mostly by the agitation and mechanical action of the wool fabric, not by the heat of the water.

Senate Boosts Public Housing

Washington. (LPA)—A public housing program of 45,000 units in fiscal 1953 was approved by the Senate June 3. This is nine times the 5000 figure set by the House, but falls far short of the 75,000 units requested by President Truman.

The Senate vote was 37 for, 31 against. Final size of the public housing program will be voted on after Senate and House conferees have worked out a compromise version of the appropriations bill for government agencies. The housing program is included in this bill.

AFL CONVENTIONS -- 1952

(Following is a list of conventions scheduled for this year by National and International Unions and State Federations of Labor under the banner of the American Federation of Labor. This list is not final nor complete. Additions will be announced later.)

Date, 1952	Organization	Place
June 23	Glass Bottle Blowers' Assn., etc.	Cincinnati, Ohio
June 30	Texas State Federation of Labor	Amarillo, Texas
*June	Intl. Fed. of Technical Engineers, etc.	Philadelphia, Pa.
*June	International Metal Engravers Union	Undecided
July 14	Washington State Fed. of Labor	Tacoma, Wash.
July 14	Intl. Brotherhood of Bookbinders	St. Louis, Mo.
Aug. 4	Intl. Alliance of Theatrical, etc.	Minneapolis, Minn.
Aug. 11	Massachusetts State Fed. of Labor	Boston, Mass.
Aug. 11	North Carolina State Fed. of Labor	Durham, N. C.
Aug. 11	Intl. Assn. of Fire Fighters	Seattle, Wash.
Aug. 11	United Garment Workers of America	Minneapolis, Minn.
*Aug.	Nevada State Fed. of Labor	Las Vegas
Aug. 16	International Typographical Union	Cincinnati, Ohio
Aug. 18	Utah State Federation of Labor	Salt Lake City, Utah
Aug. 18	Natl. Fed. of Post Office Clerks	St. Paul, Minn.
Aug. 18	Intl. Photo Engravers Union of N. A.	Cleveland, Ohio
Aug. 18	Bro. of Railroad Signalmen of America	Los Angeles, Calif.
Aug. 18	The Natl. Assn. Special Del., etc.	St. Louis, Mo.
Aug. 18	Trades and Labor Congress of Canada	Winnipeg, Can.
Aug. 19	Montana State Federation of Labor	Missoula, Mont.
Aug. 25	Calif. State Fed. of Labor	Santa Barbara
Aug. 25	Amer. Fed. of Government Employees	San Francisco, Calif.
*Aug.	Intl. Printing Pressmen's, etc.	Cincinnati, Ohio
Sept. 1	Natl. Association Letter Carriers	New York, N. Y.
Sept. 2	Intl. Assn. of Heat and Frost, etc.	Los Angeles
Sept. 8	International Union Chemical Workers	Chicago, Ill.
Sept. 8	Intl. Stereotypers and Elec., etc.	Atlantic City, N. J.
Sept. 8	Metal Trades Department	New York, N. Y.
Sept. 9	Indiana State Federation of Labor	Evansville, Ind.
Sept. 10	Building and Construction Trades	New York, N. Y.
Sept. 12	Union Label Trades Department	New York, N. Y.
Sept. 15	Intl. Alliance of Bill Posters, etc.	Minneapolis, Minn.
Sept. 15	Intl. Association of Machinists	Kansas City, Mo.
Sept. 20	New Hampshire State Fed. of Labor	Keene, N. H.
*Sept.	Cigarmakers Intl. Union of America	New York, N. Y.
Sept. 15	Railway Patrolmen's Intl. Union	New York, N. Y.
Sept. 15	Tobacco Workers International Union	Montreal, Can.
Oct. 2	Wyoming State Fed. of Labor	Casper, Wyo.
Oct. 6	Kentucky State Fed. of Labor	Owensboro, Ky.
Oct. 9	New Mexico State Fed. of Labor	Roswell, N.M.
Oct. 9	Oklahoma State Red. of Labor	Bartlesville
Oct. 9	West Virginia State Fed. of Labor	Wheeling, W. Va.
Oct. 13	Intl. Union of Lathers, Wood, etc.	Houston, Texas
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Oct. 13	Intl. Bro. of Teamsters, Chauff., etc.	Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 19	Commercial Telegraphers Union	Vancouver, B. C.
Oct. 20	United Cement, Lime and Gypsum, etc.	Long Beach, Calif.
Oct. 20	Air Line Pilots Association	Chicago, Ill.
Oct. 27	Bricklayers, Masons and Plasterers	Minneapolis, Minn.
Oct. 27	Intl. Assn. Bridge and Structural, etc.	St. Louis, Mo.
*Nov.	Natl. Assn. Master Mechanics, etc.	Washington, D. C.
Nov. 10	American Fed. of Grain Millers	Buffalo, N. Y.
*Nov.	Florida State Federation of Labor	Orlando, Fla.

*Date not definitely set.

Bread and Butter Facts Food Production Likely To Set Record This Year

By BERT SEIDMAN

Warm weather means strawberries. Your local grocer should have good supplies of this favorite early summer fruit.

He is also likely to be well stocked with broilers, fryers, spinach, radishes, cabbage, rhubarb, and carrots. Corn and tomatoes are just beginning to come in.

Canned peas are another item you should not overlook. Prices have dropped in recent weeks as food dealers have tried to sell the remainder of last year's crop before the new one comes to market.

June is also a good month for cottage cheese. Remember this when you are making summer salads.

paper to hold the shape, dry slowly and then polish.

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FOOD OUTLOOK

The Department of Agriculture says that food production may set a new record this year. If that happens, it will mainly be due to an increase over last year in livestock production.

The department forecasts that there will be somewhat larger supplies of beef and veal, poultry products, canned fruit, and processed vegetables than in 1951, but supplies of butter and summer oranges will be somewhat smaller. It predicts fairly stable prices for most foods for the rest of 1952.

FOOD HINTS

Large strawberries may look more attractive, but the size of the berries is really no indication of flavor.

If you have trouble separating strips of bacon after you remove them from the refrigerator try storing the package on the lowest shelf of the refrigerator. Then, let it stand at room temperature for about five minutes before lifting off a group of slices.

REMOVING MUD STAINS

Mud becomes quite a problem for many families as vacation time and warm weather arrive. Mud pies, playing under the garden sprinkler, etc. are attractive to the children but call for a bit of extra work by their mothers.

To remove mud from clothes, brush off all the loose, dry mud first. Then rinse the mud-stained fabric several times in cold water. When no more mud can be rinsed out in cold water, wash in warm soap suds, using several washes if necessary.

If you have an idea that dry mud comes off shoes more easily than wet mud, forget about it. The dry mud does come off more easily, but the longer mud stays on the shoe the more likely it is that the leather will be stained.

You should scrape off moist mud as promptly as possible and then wipe the leather clean with a soft, moist cloth. Stuff the shoe with

War Contracts Gyp U.S. of at Least \$500 Million

Washington (LPA)—In every 100 settlements of government war contracts there was fraud in five, and the cost to taxpayers is at least \$500 million, Frank H. Weitzel on June 6 told a House committee investigating the Justice Department.

Weitzel, chief assistant to Comptroller General Lindsay C. Warren, said \$21 million in "fraudulent payments" was uncovered in "sampling" final settlements between government agencies and World War II contractors. He said that, including over-payments and over-liberality, the total cost to taxpayers was at least \$500 million, and that there is no way to recover most of that loss. He said that no settlement can be reopened under a 1944 law unless there is evidence of fraud. That paves the way, he declared, for improper payment of millions through fraud, collusion, ignorance, inadvertence, or over-liberality.

He said the Warren office sampled 9239 settlements involving 2836 contractors, and found over-payments of \$21 million "induced by fraud" in at least 562 of these cases. He called that ratio "unparalleled and unprecedented." He added that the Justice Department has recovered only \$300,000.

He gave instances of favoritism by Army officers, repaid in jobs and bonuses, stock, kickbacks, and said that in some cases the bribed Army officers also represented the government in final settlement or negotiation.

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Union Man's Right Not to Scab May Go to Highest Court

New York (LPA)—More than 1,250,000 union members here want the U.S. Supreme Court to protect the right of a worker to refuse to cross a picket line and to overturn a ruling by the New York Circuit Court of Appeals denying that right.

AFL and CIO representatives have asked Charles T. Douds, regional director of the National Labor Relations Board, to appeal the state court's decision, and he has agreed to ask the NLRB to do so. The unions themselves were not parties to the case and are unable to appeal, but they will offer their services to the top court as friends of the court.

The case in question involved Charles Waugh, driver for the Rockaway News Supply Co. and member of the unaffiliated Newspaper and Mail Deliverers, who was fired March 8, 1950, for refusing to cross an AFL Typographical Union picket line at the Nassau Daily Review Star, where he had been ordered to pick up some bundles. The NLRB ruled his discharge improper and ordered his reinstatement, but the Circuit Court reversed the decision, 2 to 1, in May of this year.

Said Martin T. Lacey, president of the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council and of Joint Council 16 of the Teamsters: "Labor cannot permit this decision to stand. It sets a precedent that every anti-labor employer in the country will take advantage of. We are not going to take this lying down."

Secy.-Treas. Morris Iushewitz of the New York CIO Council said: "A basic union issue is at stake—the conscience of a union man in refusing to cross a picket line. Court or no court, no legitimate union man will cross a picket line."

AFL Asks 11% Wage Boost

(State Fed. Release)

Immediate approval of an 11 per cent wage increase for all American workers on the basis of productivity gains in the past 2 years was demanded by the American Federation of Labor at a hearing before the Wage Stabilization Board in Washington, D.C. last week.

The case for productivity increases was presented to the WSB by Boris Shishkin, AFL economist. "We ask," he said, "a general policy making all workers eligible for productivity increases of 11 percent without submission to the board to be promulgated at the earliest possible date."

"This is the only equitable way," he said, "to enable all workers to catch up with their share of the productivity gains of the past two years."

Name State Fed. Scholar Winners

(State Fed. Release)

Two Sacramento high school seniors were among the three winners of the second annual AFL scholarship competition, it was announced today by C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

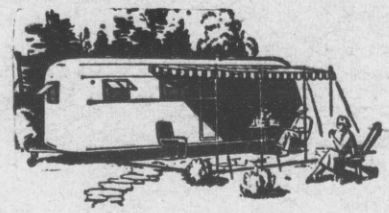
Winning students were Armen Tarhadinian, Sacramento high school; Alex Woycheshin, Christian Brothers high school, Sacramento; and William Wittenberg, Dorsey high school, Los Angeles.

The winners will receive \$500 awards to be deposited by the state AFL with the college of their choice. Candidates were judged both on the basis of a state-wide examination, held May 2, and on their four-year academic record.

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Company Almost Gets Away With Audience Capture

Corpus Christi, Tex. (LPA)—Can an employer call a meeting on company time to let scabs argue against the union while company officers

stand around, and while the employer makes a tape recording of it? And can an employer hand out company-written letters for work-

ers to sign, withdrawing from the union?

NLRB Examiner Hamilton Gardner thought so, and cleared the American Bottling Co., Coca-Cola bottler, of those two charges, but the NLRB overruled him May 31. It said the company's behavior was clearly outside the law.

The board did concur with its examiner in that the company violated the law in firing three officers of the AFL Federal Labor Union and laying off eight others. The company had suddenly got the notion, about the time the NLRB was holding election hearings, that two of the men had prison records and that there was a "slack" period (for Coca-Cola, in the summertime) that left "not enough work" for those laid off. The third man fired was accused of "fomenting a strike" when he complained of the other two firings. The NLRB ordered the firm to reinstate the three fired men with back pay and to make up the lost pay of those laid off.

AFL BOWLING LEAGUE

Denver (LPA)—The season of the Organized Labor Bowling League ended in a tie between Electricians and Plasterers, with the former winning the playoff and Building Trades Council trophy. Plasterers got the Trades and Labor Assembly prize.

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WSB LIBERALIZES REGULATIONS ON HEALTH, WELFARE

(State Fed. Release)

The national Wage Stabilization Board last week announced a liberalizing revision of General Wage Regulation No. 19 covering the establishment of new health and welfare plans or the modification of existing plans.

Regulation No. 19 together with Resolution 78, controlled the introduction of health and welfare plans through the device of top limits upon the types and amounts of benefits which could be put into effect without the necessity of specific Board approval, and favored plans in which employees contributed at least 40 per cent of the cost.

The "self-administering" limits of the old policy were well below the level of precedents established by a great many sound and tested plans existing in industry.

As the American Federation of Labor charged, it became virtually impossible to establish a reasonably comprehensive or even barely adequate health and welfare plan under the established limits.

The revision rescinds Resolution No. 78, which sets forth the specific limits or standards of approvability of health and welfare benefits and substitutes a single test, namely, that "the Board shall disapprove any plan which it deems to be unstabilizing."

The revision retains the self-administering aspects of the old regulation by requiring that parties desiring to establish or amend plans file a report on a prescribed form with the Board. After the Board acknowledges the report, unless the parties are notified to the contrary within 30 days, the plan may be put into effect as of the effective date provided in the plan.

The revised regulation also retains a list and definition of benefits covered. Reports of plans providing benefits not specifically listed in the revised regulation, or providing benefits which, though listed, may appear to be unstabilizing are treated as petitions for specific approval.

In issuing the new policy, the Board recognized that "health and welfare plans are so varied that detailed requirements in terms of benefits, costs, or a combination of these and other factors unduly limit the parties in their choice of a plan which is best adapted to their particular needs."

The revision is a step toward recognizing the AFL demand that health and welfare plans should be primarily the subject of free collective bargaining unhampered by restrictive regulations.

The AFL has consistently consistently contended that health and welfare plans are not methods of current compensation and do not add to current consumer demand and should not, therefore, be considered part of the current wage rate and thereby regulated.

Construction Hits Record High in U.S. During May

Washington, D. C.—Expenditures for new construction rose to \$2-1/4 billion in May, setting a new record for the month, according to a joint report of the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Building Materials Division, U. S. Department of Commerce. During the first five months of 1952, total new construction outlays amounted to \$11.9 billion, 3 percent more than the total for the corresponding period of last year.

Seasonal advances in most types of construction in May maintained total construction activity at a level moderately above a year ago. Expenditures for private residential building were about the same as in May, 1951, and factory building was still substantially above last year, despite recent declines. Most other types of private non-residential building activity were below year-ago levels. Public utility construction showed a moderate increase over the year. Total private outlays for new construction amounted to \$1.8 billion in May, bringing expenditures for the first five months of 1952 to \$8.1 billion.

Public spending for new construction continued its upward climb, reaching \$947 million in May. An increase in highway work, although less than usual for this time of year, was an important factor in boosting this total. Federal expenditures for military, atomic energy, and defense plant facilities rose more than seasonally. Total public outlays for new construction during the first five months of 1952 exceeded \$3.8 billion, 25 percent more than during the corresponding period of 1951.

Attend Union meetings!

27 Senators Try To Kill Price Curbs, Keep Pay Frozen

Washington (LPA)—Twenty-seven members of the U. S. Senate, all of them Republicans, tried June 5 to kill price controls by Sept. 1 while keeping the freeze on wages. Fifty-four others, nine of them Republicans, voted them down.

The move was the third attempt in this session of the Senate to end price curbs, but the two previous efforts had included an end of wage controls as well. This attack had the mask off.

Ringleader was Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (Ill.), who introduced the scheme as an amendment to the controls law while the Senate was killing potato-price protection for consumers. As a concession, it would have provided for keeping some ceilings "in reserve" for items that might be in extremely short supply and selling at "unreasonable" prices.

An accessory was Sen. John W. Bricker (Ohio), who said the stunt would "help businessmen by eliminating a lot of bookkeeping and other records."

Sen. Irving M. Ives (N.Y.), one of the Republicans opposing the deal, asked Dirksen how he could even think of removing price controls while keeping wages shackled. Dirksen replied that he "might consider" ending wage curbs later.

Chemical Workers Win

Pearl River, N. Y. (LPA)—AFL Chemical Workers won an 8c wage increase at the world's largest pharmaceutical laboratory here, with 4500 employees, after a six-day strike. Lederle Laboratories of the giant American Cyanamid Co. had offered 6c. Average pay listed by the company was \$58 a week. Rather than walk through picket lines, a group of research workers remained inside the plant to care for experimental animals.

Senate Weakens WSB, Hits Controls

On an anti-controls rampage, the Senate voted to wreck the Wage Stabilization Board, soften price controls, cut off rent controls at an early date and wipe out allocation of scarce materials.

The familiar Senate coalition of Dixiecrats and reactionary Republicans defeated Paul Douglas' (D., Ill.) attempt to continue the Wage Stabilization Board's authority to handle non-wage matters in labor-management disputes. This authority is supported by organized labor.

The vote was 56 to 26, with 18 Democrats and 38 Republicans voting against the measure. Twenty-five Democrats and 1 Republican supported it.

Douglas' proposal was an amendment to one by Irving Ives (R., N. Y.), which the Senate approved and which continued the tripartite make-up of the WSB but limited the WSB's jurisdiction to wages.

DISPUTES VARIED

Douglas pointed out that labor disputes generally are not confined solely to wages. They also involve, he said, questions of seniority, union shops, and a variety of other non-economic problems.

Ives' proposal, Douglas told his colleagues, "would mean that the President could send wage issues to the Wage Stabilization Board if both parties consented, but the board could not deal with non-wage or non-remuneration aspects of the dispute, which would have to be settled in some other way."

"What we want," Douglas continued, "is some machinery with which to obtain uninterrupted production in a period of national emergency, with justice to both sides and with the cooperation of both sides."

WSB WORKS O.K.

Hubert Humphrey (D., Minn.) pointed out that the WSB has

worked in 34 cases, and said its record "is better than that of most Senators."

The Senate also voted to lift price controls on perishable fruits and vegetables. The immediate effect was an order by the Office of Price Stabilization lifting all controls from scarce potatoes. The "spuds" then became available at most markets but at higher than the former ceiling prices.

An amendment by Sen. Everett M. Dirksen (R., Ill.) to kill rent controls was defeated, but he later won adoption of another amendment ending rent controls on Feb. 28.

Shouting "we must use common sense," Democratic Majority Leader McFarland succeeded in beating off moves by Dirksen and by Sen. Bricker (R., Ohio) to lift all wage and price controls.

In Union Circles

Electrical Workers Union 243 is in an argument with the State Department of Employment here—the union charges that the office is attempting to send electricians to jobs at a substandard rate of pay.

Royal E. Hallmark, secretary-business manager of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders Union 483, was in San Francisco last Saturday with Bus. Reps. Ed Underwood, Jim Dunn and Robert Armstrong—on union business.

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